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Prosser Village dedication

The public is invited to attend the Prosser Village Troop Medical Clinic dedication Friday, at 8 a.m.

The clinic dedication is in honor of Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class David R. Ray, a Medal of Honor recipient. This great American was a Navy corpsman attached to a Marine Corps unit in Vietnam.

During a firefight, Ray saved several lives by administering first aid.

In his final act of heroism, Ray was killed by a grenade blast from which he was shielding a wounded Marine.

Color Guard will be provided by the Navy Center for Cryptology Detachment.

Those with questions about the ceremony or who need directions to the Prosser Village TMC should call Chief Warrant Officer Mark Countryman at 533-6783.

"Landscaping for Dummies"

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club will present a desert landscaping program during their luncheon Wednesday at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

Social hour will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fajita bar lunch is \$10 per person and will begin at 11:30.

The experts from Water Wise will be on hand to show different varieties of plants and when to plant them.

Those with questions may bring them to the luncheon for "Q & A" segment.

Please contact Sandy Franz at 458-5988 by noon on Friday for reservations.

Warrant Officers Wanted

The United States Army is looking for highly motivated soldiers to fill its Warrant Officer ranks.

For more information contact the Warrant Officer recruiting team at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN 536-0484.

Smith students get top marks in math

Eighth-graders' scores highest in Arizona

SGT. KRISTIT T. JAEGER
SCOUT STAFF

Students at Colonel Smith Middle School have a reason to be smiling. Eighth-grade students scored the highest math marks in the entire state on Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards.

AIMS tests students in the areas of reading, writing, language arts and mathematics, said Bruce Busbea, the eighth-grade math teacher at Smith.

There are four categories the students being tested can fit into: falls far below, approaches, meets and excels.

"Our claim to fame is that 48 percent of our kids ex-

ceeded the standards," said Busbea. "Thirty-two percent met the standard."

Out of the remaining 20 percent of students who took the test, 13 percent approached the standards and seven percent fell far below.

"When you compare that with some state averages, only six percent statewide exceeded and only 13 percent met the standard," Busbea said.

The state average for passing the test was 20 percent, while Smith Middle School's was 80 percent, Busbea said.

In addition, the school also tested very well on the norm referenced assessment, Stanford Achievement Test, ninth edition, said Busbea.

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Photo by Spc. Matthew Chlosta

(From left to right) Emily Jeanise, Alfred Leonard and Tim Vasconcellos, eighth-grade students at Colonel Smith Middle School, take a test in Bob Gibson's language arts class.

Language ideas shared at conference

PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca hosted the fifth Annual Language Conference in cooperation with the Defense Language Institute on Nov. 5 and 6.

The conference alternates between Fort Huachuca and the DLI headquarters in Monterey, Calif.

"Foreign Language Requirements and Transformation" was the theme of this year's conference and was attended by government agencies as well as representatives from the civilian language and language technology industry.

The theme connects with the current global war on terrorism and the feedback being received from soldiers in the Middle East, said Pete Shaver, director of the Foreign Language Training Center on post.

The conference brings together civilians and government to share ideas and innovations for progress and to prevent two separate organizations wasting time inventing the same things, Shaver said.

Intelligence and language are connected on levels other than being incor-

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**Pete Shaver,
Director of the Foreign
Language Training
Center, Fort Huachuca**

porated in the same branch.

"Language helps provide tactical commanders with information that he or she can use in performing their mission," Shaver said.

"It allows them to know what the enemy is doing, not only in terms of operations, but culture," he added. "Knowing culture and language allows the United States to work with counterparts and allies."

The Army is currently dealing with a severe lack of linguists and language skills, said Kathy Debolt, chief of the Language and Technology Office in the Battle Lab on post. Debolt, a retired lieutenant colonel and former director of the Battle Lab, said the Army needs to be able to

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Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

We remember our vets

A lone veteran marches with a wheelchair symbolizing the many servicemembers that lost their lives protecting the freedom of America during Sierra Vista's ninth annual Veterans' Day parade Tuesday. See related photos on Page B5.

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DELTA Force recruiting special forces operators on post next week

SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA
SCOUT STAFF

The DELTA Force recruiters from 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA (Airborne), will be on post to recruit soldiers, including non-commissioned officers and officers, Monday-Friday next week.

The recruiters will conduct briefings at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, interviews on Thursday; and the army physical fitness test on Friday.

The U.S. Army's 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA is one of two of the U.S. government's principal units tasked with

counterterrorist operations outside the United States (the other being Naval Special Warfare Development Group).

The unit is headquartered in a remote section of the Army's sprawling Fort Bragg, N.C.

"It is a counterterrorist unit," said Mike McCarty, clerk, actions and promotions.

"They come out once a year to do a briefing," said McCarty, The DELTA Force recruiters pull their own roster of potential candidates, from the personnel database, to see who is eligible, McCarty said.

The post's current roster has 287. The briefing is mandatory for soldiers that are qualified and interested in try-

ing to make DELTA Force.

The prerequisites for DELTA Force recruits requires soldiers are male, must volunteer, Military Operational Specialty is immaterial, minimum of 22-years-old, and pass background security investigation.

Soldiers must also pass the APFT with a minimum of 75 points in each event in the 22-26 age group, no limiting physical profile, pass a modified Class II Flight medical examination, be Airborne qualified or volunteer for Airborne duty, no history of recurring disciplinary action, a minimum of two-year commitment upon selection, Army active duty,

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TeamTalk

BY MAJ. GEN. “SPIDER” AND
MARTY MARKS

What a great Veterans Day parade we had in Sierra Vista! Nov. 11 is the day set aside to honor all our veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

It is because of these great, truly deserving Americans and their actions around the world and here at home – whether they served in the last century or are proudly wearing America’s military uniforms today – that we enjoy our freedoms and American way of life.

Our thanks to our soldiers, our veterans, civic organizations and to the great support from the City of Sierra Vista for this super tribute.

I know you join Marty and me in being very proud of this installation we all call home. Well, this month we can help spruce up Fort Huachuca even more.

Our fall clean up is Nov. 17-21 and our aim is to police up and properly dispose of trash and debris throughout the installation where we live, and in the training areas where we train, recreate and hunt.

Nov. 20 is specifically set aside for all of us living here in government quarters to collect any trash and clean up around our homes.

We thank you all for working hard always, but especially this next week, to keep Fort Huachuca a place we can all be proud of.

The garrison commander, Col. Larry Portouw, will pick the best set of quarters before the end of the day. This is a great opportunity to strive – thanks in advance!

The holiday season is fast approaching, and while that means a swirl of excitement – parties, family, friends and travel – for many of us, we recognize that it’s also the most stressful time of the year.

It can be an extremely depressing and difficult time for



some people. Marty and I want to make sure you all are aware of the support that’s available here if you need it or know someone who does.

Suicide is always a difficult topic to ponder, but it’s something we must all be aware of and know how to deal with.

We are all responsible for one another. It’s important that we know and are alert to possible warning signs, which can include feelings of hopelessness and helplessness, withdrawal from friends and family, substance abuse and unusual changes in behavior.

If you’re feeling like you need some help or recognize some of these signs in someone you know, get in touch with the people who are here to help you. You can call the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center (behavioral health services) at 533-5161 and 533-7030, the Sierra Vista Regional Health Center (emergency room) at 417-3060 or the Familylife Chaplain at 533-4748.

Remember, too, that the national suicide hotline is there for anyone at 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433).

I hope you can all attend the Prosser Village Troop Medical Clinic dedication tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.

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This great American was a Naval corpsman attached to a Marine Corps unit in Vietnam. During a firefight, Ray saved several lives by administering first aid and, in his final act of heroism, was killed by a grenade blast from which he was shielding a wounded Marine.

Corpsman Ray’s actions reflect patriotism and love of country and of our fellow service members that our great military demonstrates every day.

Please join us for this tribute to this magnificent sailor. Read his Medal of Honor citation; it will take your breath away.

If you have any questions or need more information about Friday’s ceremony, call Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Countryman at 533-6783.

From the Marks family to you, thanks for being such an important part of our great Fort Huachuca family.



BY CHAPLAIN (MAJ)
DENNIS R. NITSCHKE
ACTING COMMAND CHAPLAIN, NETCOM

“...we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!” - **Romans 8:37**

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another!” - **Proverbs 27:17**

Ladies and gentlemen, friends and neighbors, we pause for a word from our sponsor.

Each week I write out a message to the Fort Huachuca community, dealing with faith issues, loneliness, the war, thoughts, funny stories and a host of other “things.” This week I want to use this forum to invite you to one of the last programs I will be hosting while on active duty. I retire (I’d rather call it “transition to the civilian sector”) in December, but I don’t see myself slowing down just because I’m changing my uniform for Dockers and a golf shirt (no earrings or ponytail in my future!).

October water use less than 21-year average

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The water pumpage for October 2003 is 41,183,000 gallons or 126 acre-feet and is equivalent to 1.3 million gallons per day.

The October 2003 pumpage is 8.7 percent more than that pumped in October 2002 (115 acre-feet); however, October’s pumpage is 37.6 percent less than the 21-year (1982-2002) October average (202 acre-feet). Total water pumped year-to-date (January-October: 1,344 acre-feet) is 1.6 percent more than that pumped in 2002 (1,323 acre-feet).

October 2003 water usage at U.S. Forest Service Air Tanker Station on Libby Army Airfield is zero gallons. Year-to-date use is 637,769 gallons, or 1.96 acre-feet.

Treated effluent reuse for October 2003 was 36 acre-feet. This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings) to irrigate the golf course, Chaffee Parade Field and Prosser Village.

The increase in water pumpage in October 2003 is due to much of the same factors addressed in July through September. Water usage increased due to the family housing demolition/construction project in Perishing Plaza-West and the continued water usage involved with the establishment of sod-turf areas associated with the family housing project in Bonnie Blink and Cavalry Park (Mason/Crandall/Wright area).

Scout on the Street



My high school principal. She helped me through selecting colleges and pushed me to go some place I wouldn’t have normally gone.

**Spc. William Grimshaw,
Company D, 309th Military
Intelligence Battalion**



Tech. Sgt. Milton, who kept me motivated and made me believe I can be a Morse Code interceptor.

**Pfc. Nelson Moody,
Company A, 309th MI Bn.**



My English teacher my senior year, who helped me graduate early.

**Pvt. Daniel Smith,
Company D, 309th MI Bn.**



My eighth-grade English teacher, who’s also in the Army now. He pushed me in school and taught me important things in life and how to deal with certain problems.

**Pvt. Kaitlynn Marston,
Company D, 309th MI Bn.**



Staff Sgt. Hodgkins, who taught me what I need to know to be proficient in my MOS.

**Pvt. Jameel Rideout,
Company A, 309th MI Bn.**



My advance economics, legal and political systems teacher, who was the basic deciding factor why I joined the Army.

**Pvt. Pamela Mueller,
Company D, 309th MI Bn.**

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On Friday, Nov. 21, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Kino Chapel, Spirit Warrior Desert ’03 will have an encore presentation. The evening will be a great time of ministry and music with the contemporary band, Red Stone, providing music at the beginning and end. (Red Stone is the band for CrossRoads, Sunday 10 a.m. in Cochise Theater and for the Alpha Group at Prosser Village, 5:30 p.m. each Sunday).

A guest speaker will present “We Are More Than Conquerors!” during the first part of the evening and I will follow up with a mentoring segment on “As Iron Sharpens Iron!” Friend, I assure you that both experiences will be rewarding to you as you share in the life of your family, friends, unit and/or ministry. And best of all: the evening is free.

Think of it as an early Thanksgiving gift. What a deal.

For those who have the desire to be part of the “spirit” of Spirit Warrior Desert ’03, there will be T-shirts, CDs and Spirit Warriors books available for a small donation.

What could be better than this? In my humble opinion? Nothing. So, come on over to Kino Chapel, Friday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m. and stay for the music and gain the tools for living a spiritual life in the world today.

All military, family members, civilians and community members are invited!

If you have any questions, please contact me at 538-7379.

Blessings to all. Stay tuned for a regular column next week.

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B-Troop commander rides off into the sunset



B-Troop charges across Brown Parade Field at the conclusion of their change of command ceremony. Civilian, Pete Criscuolo aquired command of B-Troop from Ret. Maj. Christopher Zimmerman, who was B-Troop commander for the past 18 months.

Photo by Pfc. Joy Pariante

PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Pete Criscuolo, civilian at Army Information Systems Engineering Command, assumed command of historic B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) from retired Air Force Maj. Christopher Zimmerman on Friday in a tradition-filled ceremony on Brown Parade Field.

The ceremony included the B Troop cavalymen in their period uniforms as well as their mounts in full period tack.

There was also a firing of the unit's 1842 Howitzer cannon.

B Troop is a volunteer unit which promotes the heritage and traditions of the U.S. Army in the Southwest during the period of the Indian Wars, said Zimmerman.

The unit also supports Army recruiting, community relations and official and non-official ceremonial affairs.

There is a Ladies' Auxiliary that participates with B Troop in public events and parades, riding sidesaddle and wearing authentic dress of the 1880s.

B Troop is comprised of active duty military personnel, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and military dependents.

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Ret. Maj. Christopher Zimmerman,
former commander B Troop,
4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment
(Memorial)

Cavalry units were typically not used against infantry formations. The troops would dismount before battle, Zimmerman said.

B Troop's mounts are trained to obey commands under distracting circumstances.

They are also trained to endure the use of traditional weapons such as the saber revolver and carbine, Zimmerman said.

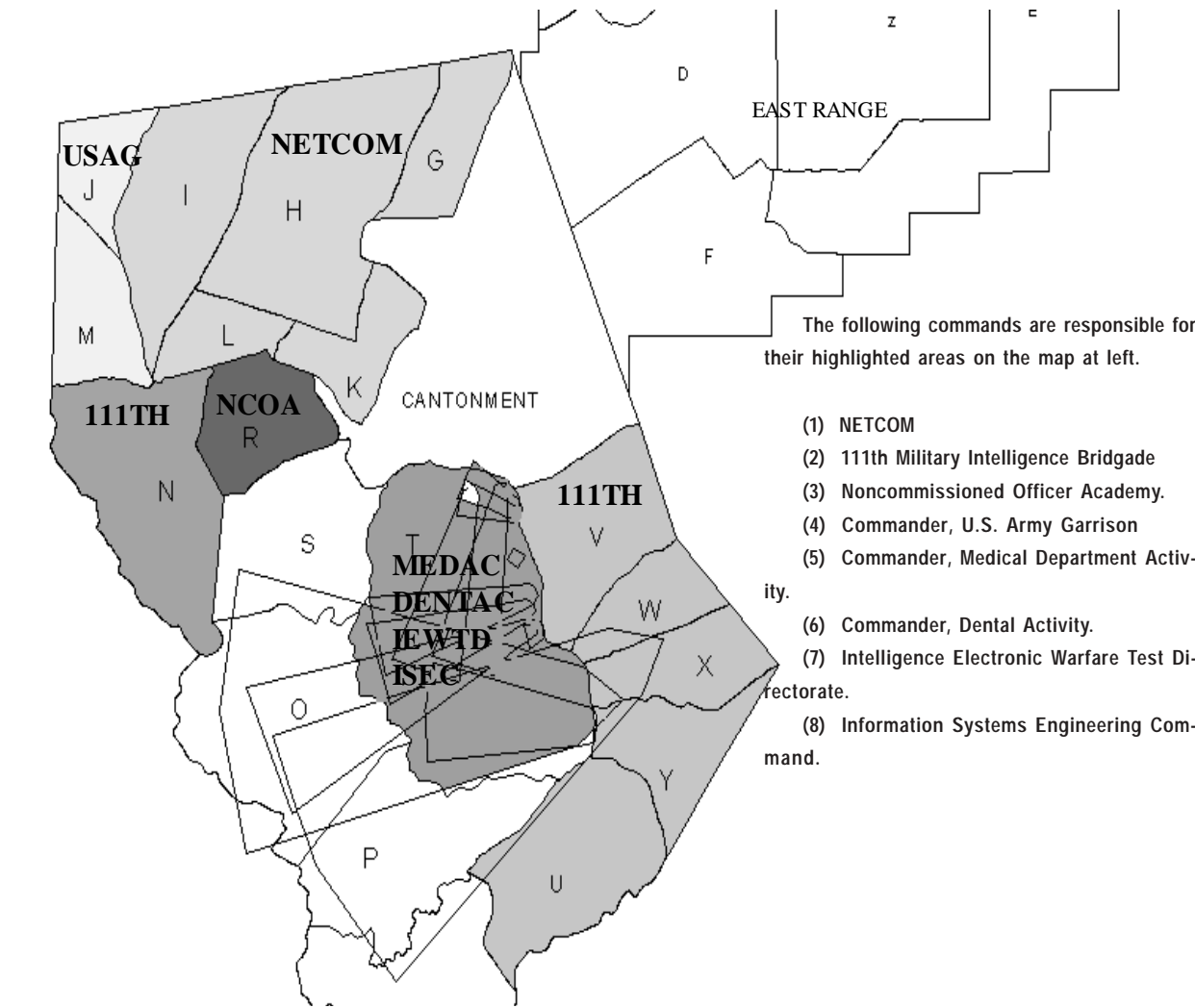
Under its official name, B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial), the group honors a unit that served at Fort Huachuca during the 1880s.

Since its activation in 1855, the 4th Cavalry has continuously served the United States in peace and war.

B-Troop is the largest memorial cavalry unit in the U.S. Army.

Units join forces to police post for Fall Clean Up

SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA
SCOUT STAFF



It's that time of year again where the beautiful colors of fall leaves turn to the brown, gooey, sticky leaves stuck in the water runoff gutters around post.

The United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca units and partner units will police of selected areas of post from Monday through Friday, during duty hours.

"The mission and goal of the Fall Clean Up is to clean up and properly dispose of trash debris, throughout the installation training areas," said Master Sgt. Mary D'Amico, noncommissioned officer in charge, Mobilization and Military Civilian Support Office.

Each unit on post has assigned tasks and areas to clean, added D'Amico.

"The event is bi-annual," D'Amico said.

"There is also a Spring Clean Up, but the focus is the cantonment area beautification.

There are several positive benefits to the post during Fall Cleanup including, making the training areas clean, helping the environment, getting the various units working as a team for the installation and making Fort Huachuca beautiful, D'Amico added.

"This year there is a competition for the best quarters on the installation for Fall Clean Up," D'Amico said.

"The winners will be presented a sign to display."

"Together, we can be proud of making Fort Huachuca the installation setting the standard," said Sgt. Maj. Paul Moore, installation G3, sergeant major.

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Reserve or National Guard, and a U.S. citizen.

"You don't necessarily have to qualify, if you think you can qualify or even if you're just interested in hearing a little bit about it," McCarty said.

"We're trying to get soldiers interested. Come on out and just sit through one of the briefings. You don't have to be on the mandatory list.

"If you're interested, at least it plants a seed," said McCarty.

Additional NCO prerequisites are: must have rank of sergeant, staff sergeant or sergeant first class, with a minimum of four years time in service and a general technical score of 110 or higher (you may retest).

Officers that are interested in DELTA Force are strongly encouraged to attend, since they weren't on the mandatory list, McCarty added.

Additional officer prerequisites are: rank of captain or major, be a graduate of a advanced course, must have completed 12 months successful company battery, troop, special forces detachment or aviation platoon command time and be a college graduate (bachelor of arts or bachelor of science)

The briefings will consist of a Power Point slide presentation, with

questions and answers at the end of the briefing, McCarty said.

According to www.specialoperations.com, DELTA Force was created by Army Col. Charles Beckwith in 1977 in direct response to numerous, well-publicized terrorist incidents that occurred in the 1970s.

DELTA Force was heavily influenced by the British Special Air Service, a philosophical result of Beckwith's year-long (1962-1963) exchange tour with that unit, according to www.specialoperations.com.

The soldiers selected by the DELTA Force recruiters here will go on to the DELTA Force Assessment and Selection Course, which is conducted twice a year.

For more information on DELTA Force call Mike McCarty or Patty Flores at 533-1503 or DELTA recruiters at DSN 236-0649, commercial (910)-396-0649 or (800)-606-1370.

DELTA Force is also interested in a wide variety of combat support and service support personnel to serve in support roles.

"It's not just DELTA Force, they're also looking for people to provide support too," McCarty said. "So, it's not just to be DELTA Force, it's also support DELTA Force."

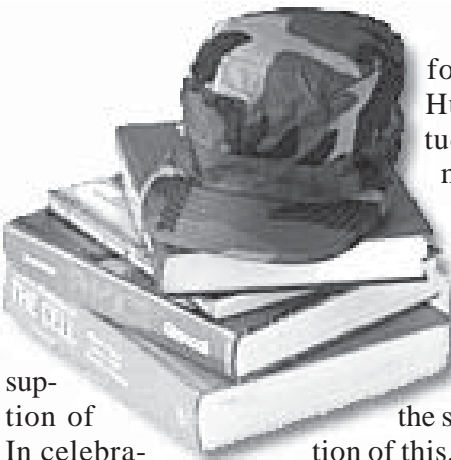


Courtesy Photo

DELTA Force soldiers operate in Panama during Operation Just Cause. The Army's 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA plans and conducts a broad range of special operations across the United State's vast worldwide operations, including counterterrorism. DELTA Force soldiers have been used extensively in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

School News

American Education Week on post



We are extremely fortunate here at Fort Huachuca that the attitude and command climate towards Education is so very positive from the very top down. So many other posts are either unable or unwilling to support the active education of the soldiers stationed there. In celebration of this, we here at the Education Center in conjunction with the Universities co-located with us, are proud to announce and celebrate American Education Week from Nov. 16 – 22.

This year’s theme is “Army Education for Every Soldier – The Army’s Promise,” to coincide with the public sector’s theme of “Great Public Schools for Every Child – America’s Promise.” These themes are felt to underscore and promote the original philosophy, which guided the founding of the national program. Few people know that in 1919, after World War I, representatives of the National Education Association and the American Legion met to work on solving what was seen as a national tragedy. No less than 25 percent of all American enlistees were found to be completely illiterate during the war, (many more only functionally literate) and at least 9 percent were found to be physically unfit on the battlefield. The intention of this meeting was to seek ways to generate a groundswell of support for education, which would lead eventually to the more knowledgeable- and capabilities-based force that we see today.

Today’s army has become an organization that values education on an increasing scale, and although it is not enforced through regulation or guidance, simple analysis shows that civilian education has become a pre-requisite to real advancement. We are lucky that both Military Intelligence and Signal Corps are openly supportive of soldiers obtaining their education on this post. If your work schedule here makes it difficult or even impossible to attend “regular classroom classes,” there is an abundance of online classes, and even degrees that are available.

Take this week, established in the honor of the veterans of World War I to stop in the Education Center, and rethink your educational goals, and needs. We believe you will rightfully decide to take advantage of the Tuition Assistance, provided by the Army for you, to promote your self personally, professionally, and for life in the civilian world in your future. Further information available at: <https://www.ArmyEducation.army.mil>.

Johnston School News

Jim Wolfe’s class. The third-graders in Jim Wolfe’s class have been busy as bees studying about insects. We have observed ants in an ant farm and a variety of other insects that have been brought in. We have also been doing written reports as well as research on the Internet. They are now looking forward to visiting the Flying H Ranch near Sierra Vista to pick pumpkins and learn about the animals and life on a farm as we prepare to move into the study of plants.

The students have been very excited to be learning cursive writing and are nearly finished with their alphabet. They are finding that writing everything in cursive is a bit challenging but are always ready to write all they can in cursive.

Math was a review the first few weeks but has been getting more difficult as they begin subtraction with borrowing. They are all looking forward to multiplication and division, which we will be starting very soon.

Among the many firsts of third grade, was meeting and handling our class pet, Cuddles. She is a three-foot ball python and quickly grabbed the admiration of all. Many had never been around a snake before, nor touched one, and they were surprised that she is not even slimy.

News from First Grade Computer Lab. All first graders have been learning about reading by using different phonics programs. They have enjoyed such programs as Wiggle Works, Reading Journey, Bailey’s Book House and an Internet program called Starfall.



They have practiced using the mouse, the keyboard and how to use icons on the screen to get to the programs they want.

This month they have also been introduced to a math program called Millie’s Math House and have written stories on the computer.

Donna Beck’s class. Donna Beck’s class is busily preparing for two major events this month. The first one will be the field trip to Apple Annie’s for apples and pumpkins. This happens on the 22nd of this month. The second event will be the Harvest Fest party on the 31st. where the class will share stone soup and various other foods from different cultural backgrounds.

The garden plots planted last month are thriving and we may even have squash to serve with our harvest fest buffet. The peas and pole beans are also growing well. We hope to keep the garden going through the winter with the help of plastic tents and milk bottles full of water to keep the plants warm at night.

Our African frog has also returned from his summer vacation and is now enjoying daily treats of Canadian crawler worms and occasional guppies.

Students of the week for Oct. 10. Thalia Rivera-Oriz, Jeremiah Davenport-Edwards, Jasmine Everette, Jason Santos, Torez Peoples, Clairanne Moncur, Journey Carlile, Rainey Soliz, Jakob Damchik, Jesse Villalobos, John Monteleone, Grafton Blue, Nicholas Murillas, Ben Maheu and Justin Cardenas.

Students of the Week for Oct. 17. Hali Martin, Kylie Chevez, Nestor Rodriguez, Nathan Mannis, Tonya Gardiner, Carlos Terrazas, Elysia Ybarra, Joseph McPhie, Dea Good, Austyn Webb, Nicholas Reid and Madelin Ruiz.

We just finished our first quarter! Teachers selected a student from their class as student of the quarter based upon good citizenship, a positive attitude, and being a good example for others. The students selected were: Ally Vance, Elani DuBois, Stine Beattie, Duncan Minton, Amber Dedeaux, Courtney Everette, Juliana Coriz, Tracy Highsmith, Lucas Simpson, Dakotah Trujillo, Jasmine Shamberger, Hanna Henderson, Jasmeen Click, Gera Foushee, Jasmine Everette, Erikka King, Austin Gunter, Christy Mata and Stephanie Wilson. We celebrated their achievement on Oct. 16 with a pizza party! We also watched a movie, and the students received a special prize, a certificate and a button. Congratulations to those students for their hard work!

Gill Armenta’s class. Gill Armenta’s class is learning about the past, present and future in all subjects and activities! Last month they visited the Fort Huachuca Historical Museum to learn about Fort Huachuca’s historic past and had a picnic on the parade field that once was a meeting place for the cavalry and their horses’ 100 years ago. In science the students understand how they grow and change. In a completion project the students completed two pictures and writing assignments; a “now” picture of them as a second-grade student, their age and likes and a “then” picture as an adult; their age and likes.



Magic of learning . The first grade classes have been celebrating the magic of learning. They have been reading about magicians and has been pulling rabbits out a hat in math to create math problems. On Halloween they explored the magical properties in science by making “oobleck” (a substance made from cornstarch and water that acts like both a solid and a liquid), and “glurch” which is a rubbery substance made from glue and borax. They played with magnets then explored gasses by adding raisins to soda and watching them float up and down. Our Halloween activities also involved a variety of math and estimation activities with popcorn and pumpkins. As a culminating activity, Jim Minton presented a magic show to the first-graders.

The Children’s English Literature Festival is practically here! Scrooge, Charlie and the Oompa Loompas, Alice in Wonderland, Harry Potter, Mother Goose and Winnie the Pooh are just some of the characters who will greet you when you arrive on Nov. 20th at 6 p.m. to the Johnston School cafeteria. “A Christmas Carol” written by Charles Dickens will be performed by the Johnston Drama Club and Choir at 6 p.m. The opening of a wide variety of literature-activity booths will begin directly after the play performance around 6:45 p.m. Puppetry, mask-making and even a game of quidditch, are only a few of the examples of activities in which you may participate. The entrance to the festival and the activities are free! Fun food treats related to each stand’s theme will be available. The ticket purchase price for food is 25 cents per ticket, or five tickets for \$1. Please join us for a night of literary magic, and come in your favorite storybook character’s costume if you wish!

Myer School News

Students of the month for October. Kathnyn Swafford, Jasmine Baine, Samantha Kolyer, Tyson Jacobsen, Amanda Kuestermeyer, Kiah Taylor, Marie Allen, Cedric Livingston, Joey Sherwood, Natasha Meyer, Jorge Villalabos and JaCorey Gaddis. The focus of the month was “Decisions and Consequences.” Each student received a teddy bear, certificate and a picture with Mrs. Johnson, given to each of them during the monthly assembly.

Magellan Running Club. Top fourth-grade girl was Katherine Thomas from John Christensen’s room with 28 points.

Top fourth-grade boys were Vinny Marciano of John Christensen’s room and Bryce Jacoby from Jan Camps’ room, with 36 points.

Top fourth-grade class was Jan Camps’ room with 60 miles.

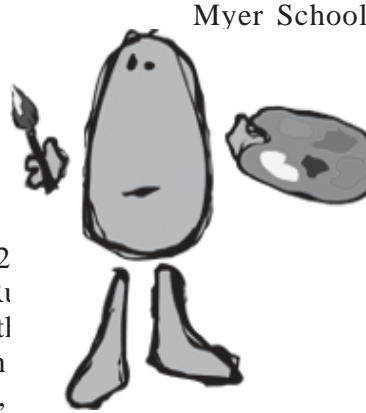
Top fifth-grade girl was Jacqui Villa of Kim Tomlin’s room and Jodyne King of Desiree Madarangs’ room with 21 points each.

Top fifth-grade boy was Dominic Wickizer of Regina Chesleighs’ room with 33 points.

Top fifth-grade class was Kim Tomlin’s room with 78 miles. Last week the students ran 563 miles with a grand total of 6,584 miles for the year.

Our annual food drive is doing well! We have over 700 food items already and going strong! Our goal is for 1,400 items, which will be given to our soldiers and families here on Post.

Cross country. Seventy runners completed the 1.6 sountry course at Smith Middle School during the Red Ribbon Run on Oct. 13. Top finishers for Myer were: fourth-grade girl first place was Francesca Dibiaso in 13:2 Fifth boy first Place, Peter Rl in 12:31, fifth-grade girl, tl place, Garbrielle Lesieur in 12:03 and fifth-grade boy, Dominic Wickizer in 11:13. Congratulations to all of you!



Fourth-grade artists. Maureen Brady’s fourth-grade art students have been learning how to create depth in a drawing by overlapping their objects.

They are making overlapping elevator figures. They are also drawing changing portraits, like the kind police use for witnesses to remember what a suspect looked like by being able to change facial features by flipping pages of different features.

Her fifth-grade students created “concrete poems” which are drawings using only words instead of lines. They are now learning about the art of M.C. Escher and his fascination with tessellations.

They are using math skills of measurement and drawing perpendicular lines over parallel lines to create a shape that will tessellate in order to make artwork in the style of M.C. Escher.

Resource students.Erika Taylor and Terri Augon’s resource students are busy working on written language and math computation skills.

We are also focused on oral reading and comprehension skills using current events and AR books as resources. Terri’s Kindergarten students are working on their readiness skills. Collectively, their goal is to see all of the students motivated and focused to earn their monthly activity on Nov. 21.

Notes from Marsha Hamric. The library hosted its annual Poem in a Pocket week. Students wrote poems last week, this week if they had a poem in their pocket when approached by a staff member they got a coupon for a treat in the library. Students are also finishing up their cowboy poetry poems.

Principal’s honor roll fourth-grade. Yosephine Febus-Traphagen, Megan Connelly, Nicholas Holloway, Christina Colbert, Cecil Anderson, Francesca Dibiasio, Kyle Messenger, Hayden Polly, Megan Price, Kieare Wright, Weston Good, Matthew Monge, Brandon Dean, Corey Patterson, Marie Allen Chauvauna Henderson, Keith Oliver, Nydia Ramirez, Sarah Rose, Jennifer Baier and Cedric Livingston.

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Honor roll fourth-grade. Kaitlyn Mannis, Evan Austin, Vanessa Werve, Liam Giersdorf, Daniel Madarang, Yonjin Smith, Raven Meadows, Ricardo Lipscomb, Kayla Higgs, Kylie Boardman, Madisen Byrd, Jasmine Gonzales, Sheridan Kitcheyan, Luis Martinez, Amber Romero, Peter Ruiz, Robert Sanchez, Zackary Smith, Kiarra Tillman, Ryan Wilson, Tanner Mulkins, Darby Turner, Malissa Simpler, Gus Hedges, Chris Staggers, Dominique Gamboa, Sierra Ward, Jordan Mahanke, Tyler Gordon, Alexi Hildreth, Sara Joiner, Amanda Padilla, Matthew Reid, Simone Weaver, Jerry Wright, Garrett Mitchell, Stephen Baxley, Anthony Calderon, Bailey Caponi, Vincent Marciano, Taylor Robinson and Katherine Thomas.

Honor Roll 5th Grade. Jazzmyne Kennedy, Hannah Plate, Phillip Shulsky, Kathryn Swafford, Holly McNabb,Nancy Rivera, Austin Rider, Kristina Richardson, Hubie Schroer, Adam Brown, Rachel Davis, Rachel Clemmer, Terrence Hill, Amanda Smith, Karin Miller, Natasha Meyer, Mary McCarthy, Andrea Magno, Theresa Karriem, Natalie Fife, Gabriel Dubois, Chad Davis, Omar Lopez, Greyson Hedges, Brandt Biddix, Tylor Burke, Sydney Burke, Katlynn Fife, Chantel Johnson, Damaris Vegara, Sydney Acree, Denise Cowherd, Taron Head, Brittani Watkins.

Smith Middle School News

Smith Middle School earns states highest label.

The Arizona Department of Education released labels for public traditional and charter schools on Oct. 15. Colonel Smith Middle School is among the highest ranking schools in Arizona according to the Arizona Department of Education.

Smith received a designation of “Excelling,” under the state’s accountability system, commonly referred to as Arizona Learns.

Excelling schools exceed state academic expectations with reference to standardized test scores on the AIMS and Stanford Nine. Other designations or labels that state assigns are Highly Performing, Performing, Under Performing and Failing.

Smith is one of only 128 out of 1,106 schools to have received the Excelling label.



Language Center opening a “success”

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

The new Foreign Language Training Center, located in the Kelly Operations building, opened Nov. 6 with a ribbon cutting ceremony led by Maj. Gen. James “Spider” Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, who gave his welcoming speech in both Spanish and English.

The FLTC follows the lead of centers at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Meade, Md.; and Fort Lewis, Wash., as well as some in Europe, said Pete Shaver, director of Fort Huachuca’s new FLTC. Shaver said this FLTC will cover the western states and it’s the first military intelligence based FLTC.

According to Shaver, the language center is here to provide Department of Defense linguists with programs and training to help them maintain their job skill language proficiency.

The center will provide classroom training with instructors from the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., as well as self study programs, Shaver said.

This FLTC is also involved in designing and developing distance learning CDs and Internet training programs including language training

programs in Arabic, Chinese, Bosnian and Iraqi, Shaver said. Currently, the center is working in conjunction with the National Security Agency to create language trainers in Somali and Liberian, he added.

The center had a multicultural based opening. Soldiers from the military intelligence battalions, along with people from the Fort Huachuca community, created booths to display cultures from around the world. Attendees to the ribbon cutting could taste foods and hear music from around the world.

The concept for the multicultural opening was based on experiences with language fairs that Shaver had while he was a foreign language educator.

He credits his new staff with pulling off both the recent language conference and the FLTC’s opening.

“I just said a few words, and they went with it,” Shaver said. “They did the major work that made the conference and the ribbon cutting a success.”

The FLTC staff consists of a non-commissioned officer who takes care of the needs of the soldiers using the facilities, a Chinese linguist, a part-time Spanish linguist, a communications language program man-



Photo by Pfc. Joy Pariente

Spc. Layla Elbel of Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion and Bilquees Durrani, a teacher at Johnston Elementary interact at the Middle Eastern section of the Language Center opening. This display was awarded with a coin from Command Sgt. Maj. Donald E. Craddock of the 306th MI BN for best display.

ager who oversees soldier training and a test control officer who administers Defense Language Proficiency Tests.

The FLTC is not only here to serve

linguists in the Fort Huachuca community, Shaver said. The center is open to all soldiers as well as the community and local government organizations.

The FLTC is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The staff is proposing evening hours two days a week in the future and weekend openings by reservation.

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identify the right language, at the right time, to get what they need. And they’re not doing that.

During her presentation at the conference, which was one of 32 seminars conducted, Debolt offered suggestions for improving language resources. Suggestions included all personnel being taught 50 key phrases in the language native to the area they’re in so they can maintain basic communications with the community and local allies. The basic linguistic knowledge would also assist in the quick deciphering of seized paperwork, she said.

A recent innovation being used in Iraq is “Kwik Cards.” The cards have photo-depictions of basic items and phrases to help the military communicate with the local community by sight. Currently, the Marines have the cards in all of their vehicles, said Debolt. The goal is to have the cards issued to soldiers, just like the rest of their gear.

The lack of well qualified linguists is taking its toll on the military. Shaver gave the example of a story he heard about military police entering areas in Iraq with their dogs to search for drugs.

“In the Middle Eastern culture,” Shaver explained, “dogs are one of the lowest animals.” The

Iraqis didn’t understand why the MPs were bringing the dogs into their buildings and they were without a linguist to explain not only what the Iraqis were saying, but also what the culture entailed, Shaver said. Some of the dog handlers were shot and the disastrous situation could have been averted with some translation and understanding.

With situations like this in mind, the conference addressed the future of linguists. Currently, these language specialists are in great demand because there aren’t enough being trained or retained because of the expense, said Debolt. The numbers of linguists needed, and the cost of training and salaries, are just too high.

Also, Debolt said, many linguists cannot get the security clearances needed to enter the military intelligence field.

The military wasn’t the only government agency in attendance at the conference. The Department of Internal Affairs, CIA, FBI, National Security Agency and Immigration and Naturalization Service were also present. Besides the United States, Germany and Korea also had representation at the two-day conference.

“Overall the conference was extremely successful by bringing all the different organizations together and seeing them collaborate and present ideas to our soldiers,” Shaver said.

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Community Updates

Smooth Move

Smooth Move is a relocation workshop for first-termers and their family members. It will be held 4:30 p.m., Tuesday at Army Community Service Building 50010. The workshop is designed to help ease the stress of making the first military move. During the event, basic information on relocating will be covered, including relocation benefits, a moving checklist and a question and answer session.

Registration is required and should be completed by Friday, by calling ACS at 533-2330. For additional information, contact Pamela Allen at 533-5919 or 533-2330.

Kids on the Move Classes

Army Community Service is offering a Kids on the Move class, 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the ACS Building 50010.

Get tips that help children make their Permanent Change of Station move more exciting and less stressful. This class provides parents the opportunity to learn some techniques to help children adjust to moving.

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Unit sponsorship training

The welfare and morale of Army families are essential factors that influence career motivation. An effective sponsorship program will benefit the individual and the Army by enhancing readiness at the unit level.

If you would like your unit sponsorship program to excel, invite your sponsors to attend one of the Army Community Service sponsorship training classes offered Nov. 19, 1:30 p.m. at Murr Community Center.

Please register no later than Monday, by calling 533-2330 or 533-5919.

Germany orientation

Army Community Service is offering a Germany orientation 6 p.m. Nov. 20, at Murr Community Center for soldiers and family members going to Germany for the first time.

Registration is requested no later than Tuesday by calling ACS at 533-2330.

International spouse support group

Army Community Service invites all international spouses to join this support group. The group offers the opportunity to meet new people, network and relax. You can also pick up tips on American culture and the military lifestyle.

The group will meet Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. at the ACS, Building 50010. Refreshments will be served. Reserve a spot no later than Nov. 20 by calling 533-2330.

New members wanted

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club, a non-profit organization that provides money for scholarships and community support is looking for new members. Spouses of active duty or retired military connected to Fort Huachuca are welcomed to join. Call Wendy Breen at 378-1763 for membership information, or sign up at an FHCS event.

Holiday home tour in Dec.

The annual Fort Huachuca Holiday Home tour is taking place on Dec. 7. In addition to seeing Fort Huachuca’s historic homes, this year’s tour will also include new post housing in Cavalry Park, live entertainment, food and beverages.



Thrift savings plan

The next Thrift Savings Plan Open Season ends Dec. 31. During the open season, you may begin contributing to TSP or change the amount of your TSP contribution by logging on to www.abc.army.mil. Do not submit a TSP-1 form to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center office. It cannot process these forms. To make Interfund changes, use the www.tsp.gov Web site. If you have any questions, please call Eva Dixon at 533-5735 or Kelly Garland at 533-5273, Monday through Friday, between 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. or stop by CPAC, Building 22320.

ACS Support Group

Is your spouse deployed or on an unaccompanied tour? Would you like a place to connect with others who are in the same situation? Join the ACS support group and make new friends, network and relax. Refreshments will be served. The group will meet at 6 p.m., Nov. 25 at the ACS building 50010. Register no later than Nov. 21 by calling 533-2330.

Save organization money

The Hazardous Material Control Center, Logistics Management Division, has an inventory of hazardous materials available for issue at no charge. Listing of material is located on the Fort Huachuca Intranet, fhintranet.hua.army.mil. Material is issued on a first-come, first serve basis. Authorized customers may obtain material by contacting Larry Brooks, 533-1263.

College to host employment workshop

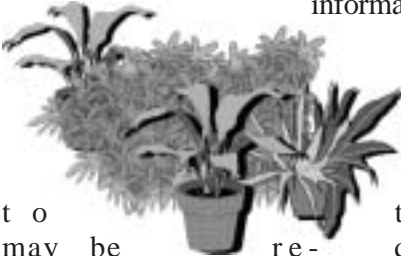
A free employment workshop covering resume writing, job-search techniques and interviewing will be held Nov. 20 and 21 in Room 900 on the Sierra Vista campus of Cochise College.

The workshop, set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, also will highlight “hot jobs in a cool market” and opportunities on Fort Huachuca. It is sponsored by Army Career and Alumni Program, Army Community Service, the Cochise College Career Services Center, Cochise County Workforce Development, the Department of Economic Services, Veterans Administration Employment and K101 radio.

The workshop is open to the public; however, seating is limited. In order to attend the workshop, participants must pre-register by calling Helen or Bruce at Cochise County Workforce Development at 458-4200, ext. 132.

Fences, shrubs and flowers available

In Miles Manor 1-3, most of the homes have been vacated due to a renovation project. Many of the soldiers left behind fences, paving bricks and landscape improvements. Before the bulldozers come, these items are available to residents on Fort Huachuca. Call Dave Bacon, 533-5023, for more information. Landscape items may be taken not without prior approval. Bacon will provide a permission slip identifying the address and the item that a person authorized take. This permission slip required to be shown to military police patrolling the area.



It’s Open Season

The next Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) Open Season, is underway and ends Dec. 8. All enrollment changes must be submitted directly to the Army Benefits Center. During Open Season, people may enroll, cancel or change their FEHB plan by logging on to www.abc.army.mil. The SF 2809 enrollment forms may not be accepted or processed by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC).

Just a brief note regarding illegal dumping ...

The toll free number for reporting of illegal dumpsites throughout Cochise County is now operational.

The number to report Bisbee dumping is 432-9777, for use by residents who can dial a prefix-432 number without a charge.

Residents in other areas can dial the toll free number, 1-(866)-220-7220 to report illegal dumpsites.

Office personnel have been instructed on procedure(s) for handling an illegal dump report and will be glad to assist each caller.

If you have an issue regarding illegal dumping, use the dumping number provided.

Shopette project awarded

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has awarded a construction project for the construction of a 7,475 square foot shopette near the Main Gate. The construction contractor is AFC Contracting, Inc, headquartered in Phoenix. The performance period for the project is 240 days, with a projected completion date of June 2004. The project will encompass a shopette to include a Taco John’s restaurant, underground gasoline storage tanks and gas dispensers.

While work will go on south of the Main Gate area, it will not affect traffic in or out of the Main Gate.

BOSS positions available

Do you think you have the leadership abilities to improve the Fort Huachuca Better Opportunities for Single Solders? The BOSS Program is looking for highly motivated single soldiers to make the program more active, visible, and productive. The positions that are available are president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. All positions are for a one-year term. The president will represent Fort Huachuca at the annual BOSS Conference to be held in September 2004 at Shades of Green in Orlando, Fla.

The BOSS program is built on three pillars, well being, recreation and leisure, and community service projects. If you think you have dynamic leadership abilities and can make a difference and support the three pillars of BOSS, e-mail the Installation BOSS advisor with your name, unit, e-mail address, and a short paragraph on how your leadership abilities can improve the Fort Huachuca BOSS program. Send nominations to christopher.deasy@hua.army.mil.

Warrant officers needed

The United States Army is looking for highly motivated soldiers to fill its Warrant Officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN 536-0484, 536-0458, 536-0488, 536-0478, 539-1860 or 536-0271.

Recruiters needed

United States Army Recruiting is seeking highly motivated and dedicated NCOs to assist in providing the strength of America’s Army. Take the challenge and learn how you can become a member of the recruiting team. For more details, visit our Web site: www.usarec.army.mil/recruiter or DSN 536-0215, 539-0465, 539-0210, 536-0457.



Government charge card changes

Effective Sept. 1, military travelers who use their government charge card (Bank of America Visa) for TDY expenses are required to check the split disbursement box in block one of the Travel Voucher (DD 1351-2) form.

The amount annotated for split disbursement should equal the amount charged to the card. If your orders state that you are a government card holder and you do not use split disbursement, your voucher may be returned or the travel office may add the lodging receipts, rental car charges and any air fare claimed and send the proceeds directly to the charge card company as a split disbursement.

Child care training available

Fort Huachuca Family Child Care is now accepting applications for our November 2003 training class. Family members 18 years of age and older interested in earning an extra income by caring for children in their home should plan to attend our next scheduled training.

Training is Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The training is free of charge to all interested parties. Class sizes

are limited; therefore, interested parties are urged to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible.

Prior to attendance in this training, interested personnel should contact the FCC Office for an application. For more information, call the Fort Huachuca FCC program at 533-2498 or stop by and visit us in Murr Community Center. The FCC Office is opened Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Further information may also be obtained from the FCC director via email at fcc@hua.army.mil.

Spanish test at ed center

A Spanish college-level examination program test is being offered at the Education Center. Active Duty military is eligible to test for free. Family members may take the test for \$56.

The recommended credit hours are between six and 12; Cochise College grants 15 semester hour credits for the test, which involves audio and reading (all multiple-choice questions). For more information and reservations, call 533-2390, 533-5690 or 533-1701.

Road accesss

The Directorate of Installation Support is rebuilding a section of Andrews Road, between Evans Road and Christy Avenue. Access to the Post Cemetery and Bonnie Blink housing area will be via Burt Avenue. Construction was expected to begin on Nov. 10 and is anticipated to last approximately through Monday. Motorists are asked to avoid the area and utilize the detour route.



Command and general staff officers’ course

Majors still have an opportunity to enroll in the required officer professional development course on post. Both phases I and III of the command and general staff officers course will start in October and meet one week-end each month.

The classroom option has numerous advantages over the correspondence version, including:

- * A higher graduation rate and higher grade average;
- * Workload sharing and interaction with active and reserve component students;
- * Professional and structured learning environment, and;
- * Instructor support.

Space for this class is limited. Anyone interested in enrolling may contact Bill Purciello at purciellow@hua.army.mil or 533-6514 or 803-1129.

Dental emergency help available

For true dental emergencies occurring after normal clinic hours, please contact the following:

Dental Charge of Quarters cellular telephone 227-5563 or, DCQ Beeper at 533-3500-digital access code- 306. Family members should seek emergency care from their Tricare Dental Plan personal dentist. Retirees should seek emergency care from the Tricare Retiree Dental Plan personal dentist.

Examples of true dental emergencies include: jaw fracture, lacerations, knocked out teeth, severely fractured or displaced teeth, oral swelling that interferes with breathing, fever greater than 101 degrees Fahrenheit from oral infection, uncontrollable hemorrhage, or severe acute toothache pain not controlled by medication.

Questions can be referred to Staff Sgt. Paul Orozco, Runion Dental Clinic at 533-3147. DENTAC policy requires that any female seeking after hours emergency care must have an escort with them at all times.



Suicide prevention information

Suicide prevention is a commander’s program, but we are all responsible for one another. Each one of us must be alert to potential warning signals such as feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness and helplessness, withdrawal from family and friends, increased time spent alone, alcohol or drug abuse, loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities, changes in appetite or weight, talk of suicide, giving away possessions, obsession with death and changes in sleep habits. Points of contact in our community for help include, the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Clinic, Behavioral Health Services, 0730-1630, 533-5161/7030; Sierra Vista Regional Health Center, Emergency Room, 417-3060; the Family Life Chaplain at 533-4748 for suicide awareness and prevention training to assist commanders with the identification of at-risk personnel and the Army Substance Abuse Program/Risk Management and Employee Assistance Services at 538-1286.

MSG selection boards

It is time, once again, to start preparing for the master sergeant selection board. Have your eligible sergeant first classes, date of rank of Oct 3 and earlier and with a BASD Feb. 3 1981 and Feb. 3 1986 obtain copies of their OMPF and get all documents together in order to update their ERB’s. Those who need photos should get them done now, the date to have the photos to HRC-Indianapolis (formerly known as EREC) is Jan. 16 2004. Drop dead date for Records Section to send the photo is Jan 5 2004. Also please ensure that each soldier verifies his/her last NCOER with their S-1. Drop dead date for Evaluations Section to send the NCOER is Jan. 12 2004, please reference Milper Message 04-006 for the eligibility and what needs to be in the entry for type of report.

Additionally, when a soldier comes up for their review, they must bring a copy of anything they need added; one for the OMPF.

If an eligible soldier is deploying, please have them make sure they complete their promotion packet prior to their scheduled deployment.

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